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Subject: Re: FINAL STRAW!

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I've been posting on forums for many different gaming communities ranging from FPS to RPG to RTS to Simulators for eight years now, and not once have I ever seen a post like bat's receive a positive response. This is the only forum I have ever been a member of where that sort of flame-bait hostile posting has been tolerated. I can think of several forums on which a first post like that would have earned bat an insta-ban for terms-of-use violations before anybody even would have had a chance to post up any response at all. Honestly, razor, I have no idea where you've come up with the notion that screaming and cursing gets results- folks only listen to that kind of shit when the person screaming and cursing also has access to the banhammer.

On the other hand, polite introductory posts asking nicely for help (rather than demanding it) receive generally positive responses and, even if the problem is never addressed, the new poster is usually welcomed into the community for all their future needs. Yes, I've seen plenty of polite posters flamed for making simple requests, but typically only by members no one really gives much respect to anyway. Only the most patient and tolerant forumites are going to post helpful replies to a raving bloody lunatic.

The internet is not an egalitarian society; if you mean to get any sort of useful results then you need to be on your best behavior when posting on a forum which you aren't a long-time member of. Unless you've contributed something to the community, or unless you've been there long enough without making too much of an ass out of yourself, you won't be doing yourself any favors by screaming at people. Long-time members get laughed at when they make posts sounding like assholes, as long as they don't do it too often. Newer members get flamed and run out of town.

This isn't even a matter of people knowing or not knowing how to help (a fact which screaming would do nothing to change anyway), it's a matter of convincing them that you deserve their help. The bottom line is that veterans don't like to be screamed at by some random newbie who thinks they're hot shit and crackers.

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